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SIDEWINDER

PUS has seen a copy of your minute D/DORS/58/1 of 29 April about Sidewinder stocks. Assuming that a requirement for additional missiles is established, he thinks it might be worth looking - for the short-term - at a loan of missiles from the US. It seems quite possible that an'window of opportunity' will emerge soon when it would be feasible to get US political agreement to this. You might wish to consider this in parallel with possibilities for speeding up production by the consortium.

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